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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF  
TIME AND FEE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 dated January 22, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate of this Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.

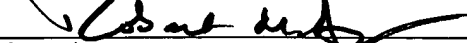
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